

State of North Carolina

To the Honorable the Judge of the Court of
Equity for the County of Mecklenburg) -

The Bill of Complaint of Eliza Dowling by her next friend
Lewellyn Complaining shows unto your Honor that some time
in the Year of our Lord 1820 she intermarried with Zacheus Dow-
ling with whom she lived but a short time - Your Petrix
States that the said Zacheus has left this State and gone to
parts unknown to your Petrix without any just cause or pro-
tection on his Part - In another place that when he left this
State she returned to her Father with whom she lived until his
Death which happened about twelve months since - She further
States that her Father Solomon Simon departed this life
intestate seized of a considerable real Estate and possessed of
personal property of the value of \$10,000 and that a very
kindly Widower deceased and the other of your Petrix
and one David Cutberson deceased from the state of
him & the rest thereby released themselves of his personal
property - Your Petrix further charges that since that time
the said Zacheus Dowling by some person unknown to your
Petrix has caused a written Notice to be delivered to the Ad-
ministrators of her Father forbidding them to pay over to
your Petrix or to any person for her use any part of the
inherited Estate by which means your Petrix is deprived
of all subsistence except that which she obtains from the
Charity of her friends - She states that she is entitled but for
the claimage to one seventh part of the Estate above mentioned
not one cent of which can she procure even for her necessary
Clothing & subsistence owing to the misconduct & cruelty
of the said Zacheus as above set forth - All which actings &
doings of the said Zacheus are contrary to Equity and good Con-
science and tend to the manifest Oppression & impoverishment
of your Petrix - In tender consideration whereof & forasmuch
as your Petrix is immediately save only in this honorable
Court where matters of fraud & Trust are properly cognizable